

California Recreational Regulations History including Inseason Changes in 2005 and 2004

2005 CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION

Key:

	Allowed in all waters
20	Depth closed > 20fm
30	Depth closed > 30fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
Closed	In-season closure
Lingcod	Lingcod closed for nesting season

NORTH COAST (CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat)

North Coast 2005 (Effective January 1, 2005)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish ¹							40	40	40	40		
Black rockfish							40	40	40	40		
Cabezon							40	40	40	40		
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							40	40	40	40		
California sheephead							40	40	40	40		
Lingcod ²							40	40	40	40		

1. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

2. Lingcod had a bag limit of 2 fish and minimum size of 24 inches.

North Coast 2005 In-Season Change (Effective April 15, 2005)¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Cabezon ²					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod ³					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	

1. Opened May-Jun and Nov-Dec (to 30 fm); Changed July-Oct depth closure to >30 fm

2. Cabezon retention prohibited Dec (effective Dec 1, 2005)

3. Opened lingcod May-Jun and Nov; lingcod retention still prohibited Dec

NORTH-CENTRAL COAST 40° 10' N lat to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)

North-Central Coast 2005 (Effective January 1, 2005)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	
Cabezon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

North-Central Coast 2005 In-Season Change (Effective April 15, 2005)¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
California scorpionfish							20	20	20	20	20	20
Cabezon							20	20	20	20	20	
Greenlings (rock, kelp)							20	20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead							20	20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod							20	20	20	20	20	
Sanddabs												

1. Opened Dec (to 20 fm); retention of lingcod and cabezon prohibited in Dec.

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20	Depth closed > 20fm
30	Depth closed > 30fm
40	Depth closed > 40fm
60	Depth closed > 60fm
20-40	Depth open between 20-40fm
30-60	Depth open between 30-60fm
Closed	In-season closure
Lingcod	Lingcod closed for nesting season

SOUTH-CENTRAL COAST

Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)

South-Central Coast 2005 (Effective January 1, 2005)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
California scorpionfish					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Cabazon					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Greenlings					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
California sheephead					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Lingcod					20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40	20-40			
Sanddabs												

South-Central Coast 2005 revised (In-Season Change Effective April 15, 2005)¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish					40	40	40	40	40			
California scorpionfish					40	40	40	40	40			
Cabazon					40	40	40	40	40			
Greenlings					40	40	40	40	40			
California sheephead					40	40	40	40	40			
Lingcod					40	40	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

1. Changed May-Sep depth closure to >40 fm

SOUTH COAST

Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border

South Coast 2005 (Effective January 1, 2005)

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
California scorpionfish										40	40	20
Cabazon			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Greenlings			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
California sheephead			30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Lingcod				30-60	30-60	30-60	40	40	40			
Sanddabs												

South Coast 2005 revised (In-Season Change Effective April 15, 2005)¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California scorpionfish										30	60	60
Cabazon			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Greenlings			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
California sheephead			30-60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Lingcod				60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	
Sanddabs												

1. Changed Apr-Aug depth closure to >60 fm; changed Sep depth closure to >30 fm; opened Oct (to 30 fm); opened Nov (to 60 fm); cabazon and lingcod retention prohibited in Dec.

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2. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

North Coast 2004 Inseason Change: (March 2004)¹

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rockfish												
Black rockfish												
Cabazon												
Greenlings (rock, kelp)												
California sheephead												
Lingcod ¹												

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish, and minimum size increased from 24 to 30 inches (effective Apr 1). Lingcod closed statewide Nov-Dec.

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Rockfish					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Black rockfish ²						30	30	30				
Cabazon					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Greenlings (rock, kelp)					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
California sheephead					30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Lingcod					30	30	30	30	30	30		

1. May - Dec depth closure implemented > 30 fm.

2. Black rockfish – 0 fish bag limit May, and Sep - Dec.

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Rockfish ¹	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabazon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod ²	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Sanddabs												

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Cabazon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
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California sheephead	30	30						20	20	20		
Lingcod	30	30						20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

1. Closed May–Jul and Nov-Dec; shore-based anglers and divers exempted from closure. Depth closure implemented >20 fm Sep-Oct.

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California scorpionfish	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Cabazon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod ²	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
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Cabazon	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Greenlings	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
California sheephead	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30	30	30
Lingcod ¹	30	30			20	20	20	20	30	30		
Sanddabs												

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Greenlings	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
California sheephead	30	30			20	20		20	20	20	20	20
Lingcod	30	30			20	20		20	20	20		
Sanddabs												

1. July closed; shore-based anglers and divers exempted from closure. Sep-Dec depth closure changed from <30 fm to >20 fm.

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California sheephead			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30	60	60
Lingcod			60	60	60	60	60	60	30	30		
Sanddabs												

1. Depth closure changed from >60 fm to >30 fm Sep-Oct